



UTAH INLAND PORT AUTHORITY

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Utah State Legislature
Business and Labor Interim Committee
Senator Curtis S. Bramble, Chair
Rep. James A. Dunnigan, Chair

Esteemed Business and Labor Interim Committee Chairs and Members:

On behalf of the Utah Inland Port Authority (“UIPA” or “Authority”) board, and the power delegated to the Executive Director outlined in the Utah Inland Port Authority Act (the “Act”) found in Utah Code Ann. § 11-58-101 et. seq (see specifically § 11-58-301(2)), we respectfully submit a report on the community enhancement program as required in § 11-58-202(4). The following report includes information regarding the Authority’s Strategic Business Plan, the formation of the Community Advisory Council, and how UIPA is achieving its purpose set forth in the Act.

The Authority was established in 2018 as a state-wide initiative to maximize the long-term economic benefits of developing and increasing the efficiency of a logistics network across the state. UIPA is charged with revolutionizing global logistics for the next generation with the mission of promoting sustainable, equitable, and smart logistics investments through partnerships, policies, and programs.

During the 2020 General Session, Senate Bill 112 (*Inland Port Amendments, Escamilla*) provided an opportunity for the Authority to establish a community enhancement program directed at collaborative efforts with the community in and around the Port Authority’s jurisdictional area of Salt Lake County.

In June 2020, the Authority board adopted its [Strategic Business Plan](#) (SBP) outlining UIPA’s strategic direction and objectives. Paramount to guiding the Authority into the future is responsible stewardship of the environment and local communities. Specifically, the Authority identified *Enhancement of Community Livability* and *Protection of Community Areas* as key strategies in the SBP. To achieve these strategies, the Authority will coordinate with local governments and community members to identify best practices, targeted actions, and directed policies to raise awareness and build partnerships in the following areas:

- Noise and visuals to address environmental sensitivities
- Air and water quality monitoring in coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality, local municipalities, and private partners
 - Water quality maintenance through promotion of sustainable strategies to address conveyance and drainage, storm water, groundwater, floodplains, water habitat and wetlands, and water supply
- Logistics safety including awareness campaigns, truck re-routing and traffic decongestion measures in and through neighborhoods
- Affordable housing support to promote equity and workforce housing needs
- Community building to enhance access to arts, libraries, and afterschool programs

On November 18, 2020 the Community Advisory Council (CAC) for the UIPA met for the first time. With 15 members ranging from westside community groups, Utah Clean Air and entrepreneurs within the community, to individuals representing education, the workforce, and industry, the membership provides a depth and breadth of knowledge and expertise for open dialogue, and ideas. The first meeting honed in on the following topics:

- Education and workforce development
- Transportation
- Air quality
- Sustainability
- Job security

Over the next several months the CAC will meet collectively and in subcommittees to focus on priority areas identified by the group. The council will advise the executive director on initiatives and strategies to guide Authority policies and programs that directly impact the community.

Thank you for your continued interest, oversight, and support. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the state of Utah. We are available to meet and address any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectfully,



Jack C. Hedge
Executive Director